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## **BOYD VOTES TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**

*Congressman Boyd praises aid for troops and calls on accountability of funds*

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, today voted to support the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill.

"This legislation recognizes the bravery of our servicemen and women who dedicate their lives to protect our country," Boyd said.

This bill also includes a \$269 million increase in combat-related death benefits to provide higher benefits to the families of fallen service members.

This legislation will also increase subsidized life insurance benefits for those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I am pleased this legislation enhances the benefits for our military families," Congressman Boyd stated.

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill also provides:

- \$63 million for additional body armor for the Army
- \$12 million for additional Marine Corps body armor
- \$611 million for add-on vehicle armor kits to protect drivers and crews against attacks
- \$18.2 billion to replenish equipment and munitions expended during military operation in Iraq
- \$1.3 billion for continued relief and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan
- \$1.3 billion to train and equip Afghan security forces and the Afghan army
- \$656 million in direct assistance for tsunami disaster relief

While the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill directs much-needed funds to our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, it also includes provisions to ensure that the funds are used effectively.

The War Funding Accountability Act would ensure that troops receive the supplies and equipment they need.

"We've made a serious commitment in Iraq and Afghanistan, and we must see it through," said Congress.

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